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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

TOKYO DOME PPV GETS \$9.95 PRICE

ATLANTA----The WCW/New Japan Tokyo Dome show, scheduled next month, will be offered by Viewer's Choice on pay-per-view April 7.

The taped show will carry a \$9.95 price, lowest-cost ever for a full-length show by Turner Home Entertainment.

WCW President Jack Petrik advocated exploring the \$9.95 level for PPV events shortly after Turner bought WCW in 1988. The show is expected to have two other plays.

FLAIR-FUJINAMI RETURN TO ST. PETE???

ATLANTA---The Ric Flair-Tatsumi Fujinami rematch for the WCW world title may be switched to the Bayfront Center in St. Petersburg FL.

Atlanta's Omni had been considered the top candidate for the May 19 pay-per-view show (see MATWATCH, Feb. 4) but inside sources say the show may go to the Tampa Bay area site.

The Bayfront had been first choice for STARRCADE '90. MATWATCH will attempt to discuss the site with WCW's Jim Herd this week.

OLE MISS COACHES TO TEAM WITH LAWLER

MEMPHIS---A Gator Bowl shellacking by Michigan isn't enough for two of the University of Mississippi's assistant football coaches.

Ole Miss line coach Joe Wecklre and defensive backfield coach Chuck Okey will team with Jerry Lawler in a six-man main event against Tony Anthony and Eddie and Doug Gilbert March 9 at the Ole Miss Coliseum in Oxford MS.

Wecklre and Okey are both said to have amateur wrestling backgrounds but neither has worked a pro ring. Anthony and the Gilberts are expected to gear the buildup with frequent insults of the 35-3 pasting Ole Miss suffered against Michigan New Year's Day.

When Will Wrestling Grow Up?

THE WOMEN'S VIEW, PART I

Only nine per cent of MATWATCHers are women. They include Melissa Millard, a 14-year-old from Battle Creek MI who would like to be a wrestling journalist. Pam Irving and Sue Chuter, two devoted Australian fans. And at least three women employed in the industry. I value them all equally as much as the male majority.

When WCW MAIN EVENT host Jim Ross issued a public apology Sunday for his undeniably chauvinistic commentary and sexual innuendo on CLASH OF THE CHAMPIONS XIV, it was after a lot of self-examination on Jim's part. It took a real man to acknowledge a mistake. I know. In recent weeks, Ross has been

taken to task publicly and by me as a friend about repeated references by him and Dusty Rhodes to Missy Hyatt's frontal anatomy on the show and, in Jim's case, a number of previous WCW shows.

Of course, female fans will scrutinize Jim's work closely in the weeks to come. But I believe his apology is sincere and comes after soul-searching from the CLASH tape that the remarks were not only offensive but unnecessary. Jim is The Master master of ceremonies in wrestling and as I twice have told



Steve

Beverly

him, he's looked on as the Dick Enberg of the industry. To offer double entendre on-air is a black mark on what has been a top-flight career.

I only point out the Ross apology as a microcosm of a problem I valiantly wish wrestling would outgrow. In my lifetime, woman-as-indentured servant to males dates to Bobby Shane using Ms. Cherie as a valet in 1971. I am yet to see a woman used in wrestling as anything but stereotypical sexpot or helpmate to man. Wrestling journalist Kimberly Murphy says it won't change unless more women become wrestling executives. "The women who are part of the base of this business are acknowledged professionals," says Murphy. "They don't deserve to have things thrown at them by men which do nothing but demean them."

Dr. Gloria Freeman, a psychologist who monitors women's images on television, says wrestling is probably the worst example of fostering a positive image to women. "Miss Elizabeth (Poffo) was extraordinarily popular," says Dr. Freeman, "but why? She was there to sell sex, if in a vanilla-clean way."

Last year, I was taken to task by many as the only person who didn't care for the Jeannie Clarke-Toni Adams catfights in USWA. While I agree a battle of wife vs. ex-wife was an innovative angle, the underlying tone was two women fighting over a man, one of the worst stereotypes ever. If you're a woman, tell me you were entertained watching Kim Anthony and Tessa embroiled for eight weeks last summer in little more than a strip show. And it didn't even sell that many tickets among the males in Memphis.

I thought Terri Boatright as Alexandra York was a breakthrough---a woman with a brain who used a computer to succeed. But lately, Jimmy Garvin has done little on WCW PRO but refer to her anatomically. Says Murphy: "I can laugh along with the angle for a while until it starts to get ugly. In the first few weeks, I thought at last we have a woman who isn't offensive to other women. And then the guys begin talking about 'putting their fingers on her keyboard.' Give me a break!" Agreed. If wrestling wants to broaden its female fan base, it's had enough Victor Kiam remarks. More on this next week.

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Your views on Vince McMahon and how he's using the war to his own benefit hit home with me. It's scary that this guy is exploiting a very dangerous and deadly situation and he doesn't seem to think twice about it.

WALTER GEORGE
CALUMET PARK IL

Thank God the U.S. State Dept. and Vince McMahon's generous offer of sending the Immoral Hulkster to the Mideast to visit the troops. What do 500,000 REAL AMERICANS need with phonies like you and Hogan? Those brave soldiers are surviving on guts and determination, not steroids and shameless hype. Vince, your advertisers will soon learn to dread opening their mail. Get the message?

VIC STANLEY
LAFAYETTE IN

I really think you, Dave Meltzer, Mario Naso, among others, have been too harsh on McMahon. I look at this Sgt. Slaughter-Iraqi connection a different way. Vince has given the wrestling masses a chance to cleanse themselves in victory when the Hulkster emerges victorious in WRESTLEMANIA VII, besides making a dollar. Thank God for enlightened leaders like McMahon.

NAME WITHHELD
PENNSYLVANIA

(FSB: The letter was signed. We agreed to withhold the name when the writer expressed concerns of reader reprisal.)

Your column of Feb. 11-17 perhaps analyzed the situation best of all. Even if the Slaughter angle had not been at the forefront, the WWF would have had bad ratings on THE MAIN EVENT. People are just tired of too much wrestling. And in this case, what's new? Slaughter is simply playing The Iron Sheik of 1984. Only I agree, the timing is atrocious.

GREG REASONS
PROVIDENCE RI

After watching the Jan. 20 card in Chicago live and the 14th CLASH OF THE CHAMPIONS (Jan. 30) on TV, there is no doubt in my mind that Dusty Rhodes will try to get away with as few clear cut wins and losses as possible between the top NWA stars during his tenure in charge. Wrestling fans are paying a terrible price for entertainment and escapism these days.

RONALD DOBRATZ
ROSCOE IL

Note to Jim Herd: please spare us Dusty at WRESTLE WAR.

BOB GORMAN
CHATTANOOGA TN

YOU
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Talk about continuity problems: CFTO/Toronto shows the WORLD WIDE (show) with Arn (Anderson) winning the belt on 2/2. Then TSN's premiere of POWER HOUR shows old WCW with Z-Man defending the belt and voiceover talks about Anderson-Eaton next week, both after Z-Man's belt, on 2/6. Then, 2/9, WCW PRO repeats the Zenk/Arn match, then that night, the 2/6 PH show is rerun.

I sure don't understand when they're not running live shows right now in Canada why they're not showing "hot" matches on TSN. You're not going to get fans interested with Zenk-Moondog Rex as your (TV) main event).

JEFF ZINGER
WOODSTOCK ONT, CANADA

Although you seem to expect many dissenting opinions toward your recent WWF/Persian Gulf editorials, I agree with you wholeheartedly.

EUGENE GREGORY
WOODSIDE NY

MATWATCH SHOPPERS NETWORK

PRO WRESTLING SUSHI, by Jeff Mullins, is offering a special. If you've never seen PWS, Jeff will send a sample of his spoof of the WRESTLEMANIA-Gulf War controversy involving Titan Sports and THE NATIONAL free. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. BOX 36189, SAN JOSE CA 95158.

DIANE DEVINE, 4150 E. IOWA AVE., SUITE 406, DENVER CO 80222-3735, is coordinating a fans gathering in Chicago July 19-21. Windy City Wrestling will be the host promotion with a July 19 show scheduled. Send Diane a SASE for details.

JOHN LANIGAN, P.O. BOX 583, MCKEESPORT PA 15134, has a massive tape list from 1985-present with excellent Japan selections. Send John a SASE for the list.

WRESTLING TAPE EXCHANGE, 2417-8 BARLEY CLUB COURT, ORLANDO FL 32821, has an 18-tape library. Send a SASE to WTE for details. All tapes are \$15 each with any five for \$50.

THE RINGSIDE REVIEW is Chris Elsbury's Australian bulletin. It's available at \$2 an issue and \$13 for 6 from 8 RUMMER WAY, BATEMAN WA, AUSTRALIA, 6155.

BEST OF PRO WRESTLING SPOTLIGHT, VOL. 11, is a fine audio tape now available from PWS PRODUCTIONS, 136 NORTH CARLL AVE., SUITE 125, BABYLON NY 11702. This is a well-edited compilation of some of John Arezzi's best shows, including interviews with Honky Tonk Man, Terry Funk, Paul E. Dangerously, Cactus Jack and Steve Williams. It's \$12, which includes first class postage. Send a SASE for a list of other audio tapes.

RICKY SHORT, RT. 2, BOX 297, GRETNA VA 24557, wants tapes of Mid-South shows (summer '85) and ASWA, SUNCOAST PRO and PWF shows. He also wants photos of Jeannie Clarke, Tessa, Alexandra York and Kim (Dirty White Girl) Anthony.

For Canadians: inquiries for the SWEET DADDY SIKI/RON HUTCHINSON SCHOOL OF PRO WRESTLING may be mailed to P.O. BOX 22523, COXWELL POSTAL SERVICES, 300 COXWELL AVE., TORONTO ONT, CANADA M4L 3W7. T-shirts (\$12 U.S.) and sweatshirts (\$22 U.S.) in adult sizes only. Checks payable to Ron Hutchinson.

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(WWF/SYN) - [CHALLENGE]:

Jake Roberts d. Owen Martin;

Curt Hennig d. Tommy Angel;

Davey Boy Smith d. Warlord; The Viking d. David Isley; (CLIP) The Dragon; (WM7 REPORT); Sgt. Slaughter d. Bill Ford.

RESTHOLD.

[SUPERSTARS]: Tito Santana d. Ted Oates; (From CHALLENGE) Roddy Piper teaches Virgil to stand up for himself; Mountie d. Sonny Blaze; (TAG TEAM BATTLE ROYAL) Nasty Boys win to earn shot at Harts at WRESTLEMANIA; Kerry Von Erich d. Darrell Woodworth; (WM7 REPORT); Rick Martel d. Tommy Landell but masked man runs in & beats tar out of Rick; (BRO. LOU) Bruce turns custody of The Undertaker over to Paul (Percy Pringle) Bearer; (CLIP) The Dragon. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(LPWA) - Bad, Black & Beautiful d. Sweet Georgia Brown/Alva Alvarez; Bambi d. Candi Divine; Reggie Bennett d. LaGata; Medusa Miceli d. Cheryl Russa; Nasty Girls d. The Beast/Hosaka; Judy Martin/Lelani Kai d. Misty Blue Simmes/Heidi Lee Morgan; [LOUISVILLE SLUGGER] Jim Cornette mimics Don Cornelius w. Bugaloo Brown. RESTHOLD.

(PRO WRESTLING '91) - Chic Donovan d. John Meadows; Chris Walker/Curtis Thompson d. Avengers; (CLASSIC) Queen Kong/Hot Rod Andi d. Yazamon/Malibu; Festus d. Mad Dog Joe; (From WWC) Rufus R. Jones double DQ vs. Detroit Demolition; [GA. TITLE] Steve Lawler d. Jim Powell to retain belt. RESTHOLD.

(USWA/SYN) - [CHALLENGE]: Steven Dane d. Bubba Fangman; John Tatum d. Khris Germany; Gary Young d. Ed Robinson; Jeff Gaylord d. Jerry Lawler by DQ; Jeff Jarrett/Natalie d. J.C. (Jamie Dundee)/Sweet Georgia Brown; [TEXAS TITLE] Awesome Kong double countout vs. Bill Dundee. BOMB-PLUS.

[BEST OF CHAMPIONSHIP]: Fabulous Ones d. New Kids; U.S. Males d. Sgt. O'Reilly/Bill Rush; (6-MAN) Brian Lee/Tony Anthony/Doug Gilbert d. Freezer Thompson/T.D. Steel/Night Train Jackson; Eliminators d. Keith Eric/Chris Frazier; Danny Davis/Jerry Lynn d. Tom Prichard/Terrence Garvin by DQ when Downtown Bruno chloroforms faces. U.S. Males save after Garvin tries to cut Danny's hair. RESTHOLD.

(USWA/ESPN) - [SUPERCARD]: Calif. Stud/Steve Austin d. Jarrett/Billy Travis when Jamie Dundee/Jeanie Clarke interfere; (6-MAN) Young/Dane/Tatum d. Fangman/Germany/Keith Robertson; (RED MAN RUMBLE ROYALE) Jarrett d. Dane at finish. RESTHOLD.

(IWCCW) - Miami Kid d. Hawaiian Hurricane; Miami Kid d. Amadeus; (RUMBLE SEAT) Tony Rumble w. Sonny Beach; Frankie Angel d. The Psycho; Towers of Power d. Mad Russians; Towers d. Hurricane/Cactus Jack; Curly Moe d. Sonny Austin; Tasmaniac d. Chris Michaels; Rumble w. Kevin Von Erich. BOMB.

(AWA: LOOKING BACK) - Lord Littlebrook/Little Coco d. Little Tokyo/Johnny Reb; [AWA TAG TITLE] Midnight Rockers d. Buddy Rose/Doug Sommers to win belts; [From 1985/NWA WORLD TITLE] Ric Flair d. Sgt. Slaughter by DQ; [AWA WORLD TITLE] Nick Bockwinkel d. The Crusher. DRAW.

(PORTLAND) - Bart Sawyer d. Equalizer by DQ; Grappler d. C.W. Bergstrom w. loaded boot; [NO DQ] Larry Oliver d. Al Madril; [PACIFIC NW TAG TITLE] The Hood/Brad Anderson d. Steve Doll/Sawyer 2-3 falls; [ANGLES] 1) Bounty raised to \$5,000 on The Hood's mask; 2) Grappler slaps Equalizer because Eq allowed

Don Owen to stomp on Grap's hat; 3) Grappler slaps Equalizer again and Anderson argues w. Grappler until The Hood shows and decks Grap w. roll of quarters. Eq saves. DRAW-PLUS.

SCALE: PINFALL! - Must See. PILEDRIVER - Excellent. POWERSLAM - Good. DRAW - Average. RESTHOLD - Fair. BOMB - Poor. PLUS - Midscale rating.

(SOUTH ATLANTIC) - [OPENING] Vince Torelli introed as new South Atlantic champ after Frank Dusek says he couldn't get tape of title win in Bahamas; American G.I. d. Tommy Landell; Sumo Ricki d. White Knight; Torelli d. Robert Campbell; Chris Chavis/Curtis Thompson d. Pit Bulldogs. BOMB-PLUS.

(LUCHA LIBRE) - [2/3]: Anibal/La Fiera/Ringo Mendoza d. Los Brazos 2-3 falls on El Brazo de Plata DQ for low blow in 3rd fall; Atlantis/Lizmark/El Rayo de Jalisco Jr. d. Mascara Ano Dos Mil/Universo Dos Mil/Kung Fu 2-3; Octagon d. Fuerza Guerrera; (MEXICAN NATL LT. HWT. TITLE) Pierroth Jr. d. Mascara Sagrada by DQ to retain belt. POWERSLAM-PLUS.

[2/10]: Kung Fu/Hombre Bala/Comado Ruso d. El Pantera II/El Felino/El Misterioso 2-3; Anibal/Mano Negra/Gallo Tapado d. Guerrero/El Espectro Jr./El Espectro de Ultratumba 2-3; Los Brazos d. El Volador/Super Astro/Kato Kung Lee 1 2-3; Ringo Mendoza/La Fiera/Lizmark d. Universo Dos Mil/Mascara Ano Dos Mil/Pirata Morgan 2 straight. DRAW.

(ALL-JAPAN) - [1/20]: Stan Hansen/Danny Spivey d. Fantastics; Toshiaki Kawada d. Akira Taue; Kenta Kobashi/Mitsuhara Misawa/Tsuyoshi Kikuchi d. Masanobu Fugii/Jumbo Tsuruta/Mighty Inoue. POWERSLAM.

[1/27]: Taue d. Johnny Ace; (6-MAN) Misawa/Toshiaki Kawada/Kobashi d. Billy Black/Joel Deaton/Spivey; [TRIPLE CROWN] Jumbo Tsuruta d. Hansen to regain triple crown. DRAW-PLUS.

(NEW JAPAN) - Keiji Muto d. Mark Rambo; Masahiro Saito/Masa Chono d. Riki Choshu/Hiroshi Hase; [IGWP TITLE] Big Van Vader d. Tatsumi Fujinami to regain belt in bloodbath. POWERSLAM.

(WCW/TBS) - [POWER HOUR]: Steiners d. Rob Morgan/Mike Samples; Brian Pillman d. Bill Ford; Ric Flair d. Mike Hart; (6-MAN) Ricky Morton/Junkyard Dog/Tommy Rich d. Master Blasters/Lt. James Earl Wright; (WNN) Hansen-Vader clip; (From WNE) Freebirds d. DOOM when ref distracted; Barry Windham d. Ron Simmons when Butch Reed clotheslines Ron as Barry ducks; Sting/Lex Luger d. Dutch Mantel/Rip Rogers; Sid Vicious d. Ray Diamond. RESTHOLD.

[WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP]: Rich d. Jacko Victory by DQ when Rip Morgan runs in but Big Josh (Matt Borne) saves from crowd w. ax handle; Steiners d. Ron Cumberland/Bill Baker; (WRAPUP) Gordon Solie on Japanese women, Hansen-Vader; Spivey d. Chris Hann; Hansen/Vicious d. Scotty Allen/Jeff Anderson; Tom Zenk d. Bobby Eaton by DQ when Terry Taylor dives off top on Zenk. Eaton decks Taylor; Windham d. Ricky Nelson; Sting/Luger d. State Patrol; Dustin Rhodes d. Rip Rogers; [DANGER ZONE] Flair-El angles, El comes out & claws Paul E. to the floor; Pillman d. Randy Starr; DOOM d. Mark Merro/Greg Sawyer. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

[MAIN EVENT]: Gigante d. Ford; Brad Armstrong d. Rogers; Eaton d. Morgan; DOOM d. Allen/Robertson; [DANGER ZONE] Paul E. w. blowup between Diamond Dallas Page/Teddy Long; Taylor d. Zenk by DQ when Tom decks ref. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

(WCW/SYN) - [WORLD WIDE]: {REPLAY} Gigante chokes Flair; Sting d. Samari; Steiners d. Steve Stacks/Samples; (CLIP)

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Hansen-Vader; State Patrol d. Larry Santo/Jim Boss; Pillman d. J.W. Wolf; Gigante d. Mike Thor; (ANGLE) Flair taunts El at ringside but Sting tosses Flair in ring & Ric retreats; [WCW TV TITLE]: Arn Anderson d. Eaton; Ron Simmons d. Dave Perry. RESTHOLD-PLUS.

[WCW PRO]: (From CLASH) Luger-Spivey brawl; Sting/Luger d. Magnum Force; Zenk d. Wright; (IWGP TITLE) Fujinami d. Choshu to regain belt; Royal Family d. Dave Johnson/John Peterson; Vicious d. Thad Clark & after, Arn & Barry appear as EMTs and pummel Clark; [DANGER ZONE] Paul E. w. DOOM; Rhodes d. Joe Cruz; Gigante d. Windham by DQ when Flair runs in as El claws Barry into heavy juice. El doesn't sell a thing. Sting chases off Ric/Barry. DRAW.

(USWA/WMC) - [From MID-SOUTH]: Dundee d. Brian Lee by DQ when ref powdered. Anthony/Doug Gilbert attack, piledrive Dundee & Lee decks Eddie Marlin until U.S. Males save; (RULING) Marlin tells refs to hit back if they're hit; (MID-SOUTH) U.S. Males d. Doug/Anthony when Brian Lee runs in and decks ref Frank Morrell. Morrell/Marlin/Dundee retaliate on heels & Uptown Bruno. Dundee save; (ANGLE) Anthony intros Jamie Dundee as "J.C.;" Austin d. Curtis Thompson when J.C. holds Curtis' foot; (ANGLE) Bill pleads for Jamie to come home; Anthony d. Chris Walker when Jamie holds Chris' foot; (MID-SOUTH) Jerry Lawler d. Eddie Gilbert by DQ when Tommy Gilbert runs in. As Eddie/Tommy try to crotchpost Lawler, Marlin saves. The 4 brawl & Jerry piledrives Eddie until Eric Embry/Tom Prichard run in; Jarrett d. Tom Prichard by DQ when Eric Embry runs in & pounds Jeff to juice w. cowboy boot until Lawler saves; Danny Davis d. Embry by DQ when Prichard runs in w. boot. Danny juices until Lawler/Jeff save; Eddie Gilbert draw vs. Bill Dundee. DRAW.

1. Jim Ross, WME: "I'm not going to make any more chauvunistic remarks. I'm turning over a new leaf. I want to apologize to all the fans who were offended." 2. Michael St. John, ESPN: "It's a pier six...uh...a hockey match has just broken out." 3. Steven De-Truth, WVEU: "We're not gonna talk about pinching Boni's tushie. We're gonna talk about the biggest tushie of all---Dusty's." 4. St. John, ESPN: "For the first time---in my knowledge ever---the Rumble Royal." 5. Gordon Solie, WWW, on Arn/Eaton: "They're like the smoothness of a Lynn Swann or a Boyd Dowler in their fluidity." 6. Eddie Marlin, PWI WEEKLY, on Terry Funk: "We can't have a champion who never appears here." 7. Virgil, WWF-SU: "At WRESTLEMANIA, you spell man V-I-R-G-I-L." 8. Ultimate Warrior, WWF-SU: "WRESTLEMANIA is real life." 9. Paul E. Dangerously, WCW: "I've been preparing for this DANGER ZONE with El Gigante. I've spent a week in Alaska interviewing Saskatches." 10. Bill Dundee, WMC, on Jamie: "If you're with a bunch of guys who rob a bank, you're just as guilty as they are."

11. Tony Schiavone, WWW, on Simmons slam: "That's like a side of beef hitting the butcher shop." 12. Solie, WWW, on Gigante: "This man is as serious as a heart attack." 13. Tony Anthony, WMC, on split between Dundeas: "There's one thing I don't agree with is child abuse." 14. Tommy Gilbert, WMC, to Eddie Marlin: "I don't know who the gink is you have booking this thing." 15. Jimmy Garvin/Lance Russell, WCW



PRO: (LR) "The Royal Family used to shoot themselves in the foot and make mistakes to cost themselves a match." (JG) "By the way, Lance, is your divorce final yet?" 16. Paul E., WCW: "The opera's not over 'til the cop finishes his do-nuts." 17. Jerry Lawler, WMC: "Kerry Von Erich was supposed to be the baddest thing to ever come out of Texas. I beat him just like a red-headed stepchild." 18. Michael Hayes, WMC: "Lance, I hear you've got \$500 on Windham, so I'll take El Gigante and the points." 19. Hayes, WMC: "Sid Vicious is thinking...which is more than Lance has been doing lately." 20. Paul E., WCW, to El Gigante: "I want to talk to you face-to-belly button." 21. Ross, WME, to Missy Hyatt: "Quit whining. You could have to get a real job." 22. Ross, WME, to Missy: "Your social calendar must be slow to be talking so incessantly about this Z-Man."

STRONGEST COMMENTS - 1. DeTruth, WVEU, on Dusty Rhodes: "Nobody asked you to come back to Atlanta." 2. Lawler, WMC: "I don't think Texas stinks. TEXAS SUX!"

CHAUVUNIST AWARD - Garvin, WCW PRO, on Alexandra York: "I'd like to strike up a conversation with her computer. I'd like to run my fingers across her keyboard."

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK - 1. DeTruth, WVEU: "How about some positive things about Dusty?" (Silence follows). 2. De-Truth, WVEU: "Dusty, how come you always drag your son with you?" 3. Prichard, WMC: "Can you imagine a guy naming a kid Jamie? You may as well have named him Sue." 4. Prichard, WMC, to Dave Brown: "Have you ever thought about maybe being a funeral director?" 5. Brown, WMC, to Prichard: "Have you thought about retiring and becoming an announcer?"

NICKNAMES OF THE WEEK - 1. THE WALKING LIVER SPOT (DeTruth on Dusty). 2. TOOTH AND TOOTHLESS (Roddy Piper on Nasty Boys). 3. STUPID LITTLE WORM (Vicious on Tony Schiavone). 4. THE UNKNOWN IMMORTAL SLIME (Slaughter on Hogan). 5. DAD (Jamie Dundee on Tony Anthony). 6. ICE BABY (Memphis Mafia on Jamie).

BEST PICTURES - 1. WWF-SU, Percy Pringle's black hair. 2. WCW PRO, Fujinami-Choshu entrances. 3. WMC, Jamie Dundee's polkadot suit. 4. WCW, Sting chewing tobacco.

ALL-CLICHE TEAM - 1. Solie, WWW: "...discretion is the better part of valor." 2. Flair, WWW: "...whether you like it or don't like it..." 3. Solie, WWW: "...no question about that." 4. Paul E., WCW: "...discretion is the better part of valor."

ENGLISH LESSON - Jamie Dundee, WMC: "He whupped me when I DONE wrong."

BLOOPER AWARDS - 1. Sting, WW infomercial: "What a night! WRESTLE WAR '90!" 2. Missy Hyatt, WME: "Jose CANCERCO." 3. Missy, WME: "Dallas Diamond Page."

BOO AWARDS - 1. Hulk Hogan, for WM7 REPORT as blatantly war exploitative as you'll ever hear. 2. WWF-SU, Sgt. Slaughter: "Hulk Hogan, you just may become my P.O.W." 3. WCW, for continuing with WRESTLE WAR promos intact. 4. Jamie Dundee, WMC, encouraging kids to beat their parents.

RESPECT AWARDS - 1. Dave Brown, WMC, for immediately and emphatically telling kids NOT to follow Jamie's philosophy. 2. Ross, WME, for offering on-air apology to viewers about chauvunistic remarks about Missy on CLASH XIV.

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SIX-MAN EXTRAORDINAIRE:

On a future TV taping, expect a 3-week series to lead to the babyface turn of Bobby Eaton. It all begins when Alexandra York adds Eaton and Buddy Landell to her stable.

PART ONE: The first saga is a six-man with Taylor/Landell/Eaton vs. Ricky Morton/Tommy Rich/Junkyard Dog. Bobby is thrown out of the ring onto Alexandra's computer, which goes on the fritz and causes her guys to lose.

PART TWO: A foulup with Landell and Taylor causes Eaton to drop a rematch.

PART THREE: Bobby picks Tom Zenk as a partner to go against Landell and Taylor. It will be awhile before you see all of this. WCW is taped ahead all the way through the end of March. Hope somebody doesn't leave or is fired.

RICKY'S RETURN: Ricky Steamboat is being re-introduced to the WWF through a series of short vignettes but won't actually wrestle on the shows until March or early April.

NASTY SATURDAY: This weekend, you'll see the Nasty Boys win a battle royal to earn a shot at the Hart Foundation at **WRESTLEMANIA VII**. One clue as to whether the Nasties will win the belts: if they start doing jobs around the WWF. That's the track record before new champs are crowned at WM.

ANOTHER SERIES: Last Monday night, a couple of angles were taped on two **DANGER ZONE** segs with Sting and Larry Zbyszko. The two finally have what I'm told was a solid match which will air in March.

SPEAKING OF LARRYLAND: WGN isn't on here but I had my first chance to see Larry as color man on the WCW PRO show last weekend while on a brief holiday. Larry has promise, particularly if he works at not overpowering Schiavone.

RATINGS UPDATE: Some overnights on WCW syndication... the KTVU (San Francisco-Oakland) show scored a 4.4/10 two weeks ago. WGN posted a 3.3 Feb. 2 but slipped back to a 2.0 Feb. 9. WPIX picked up a 2.9/10 Feb. 9, the third time in a month that edition of WCW PRO has hit a 10 per cent share.

LOCALLY IN ATLANTA: WCW MAIN EVENT registered a 9.2 Feb. 10, beating out WSB's ACTION NEWS (8.9).

NO PUNCHES PULLED: GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL's Steve Prazak has joined WVEU-TV's SUPERSTARS OF WRESTLING in Atlanta as Steven DeTruth. Last week, Steve left no question how he feels about Dusty's WCW return (see page 4).

SPEAKING OF DUSTY: I'm told Dusty is taking the raps to heart for his weak performance on CLASH OF THE CHAMPIONS and is studying tapes hard to correct his mistakes for WRESTLE WAR. The key mistake was making the color debut on a major TBS special instead of getting some seasoning in syndication.

AXEL'S BACK: Axel Rotten is creating yet another Atlantic Coast indie. Axel is unfurling the banner of UIW (United Independent Wrestling). Reportedly, he has a TV taping skedded March 7 with a plan to air only on local broadcast stations.

A FUTURE CLASSIC: Once Bobby Eaton makes the conversion to babyface, don't be surprised if a Ric Flair-Eaton match surfaces on a future CLASH. The subject has been broached.

THE USWA BUS: That USWA bus which shuttled Jerry Jarrett's guys from Memphis to Dallas Friday before last and all night back to Memphis to make WMC-TV's Saturday morning show was apparently leased from Waylon Jennings. It comes equipped with microwave, VCR and shower facilities.

SUNCOAST STARS: Henry Raines' Suncoast Pro group has its next taping March 2 in Manatee FL. Topliner has Tommy Rogers against Dick Slater. Ned Brady defends the Southern title vs. Force and in a loser-leaves-Florida match, Penelope Paradise meets Debbie Drake.

NETWORKING: WWF SUPERSTARS is now competing against itself in the Baltimore-Washington area. SUPERSTARS is airing on Channel 45 in Baltimore at 11 a.m., same hour as it's on 45 miles down the road in Washington.

ALREADY FALLING: Ted Nall, the indie promoter who was subject of a story in the Denver WESTWORD tabloid two weeks ago, held his second and last show in the Mile High City Sunday night. Correspondent Diane Devine reports Nall left an unpaid bar tab for his wrestlers after his Feb. 3 show.

NO QUICKIE: Don't expect a series of Flair-Scott Steiner rematches soon. After the CLASH bout, the brass believes Scott isn't quite ready yet.

NORM'S BACK: Mike Shaw as Norman worked for Chris Love's revived UCW Friday night. Don't believe reports he's going to work for Herb Abrams.

HERB WAR UPDATE: LIVE WRESTLING TALK's Ric Carter was suspended for three days by Audio Communications, Inc., for offering an accurate opinion on his 900 line that some of Abrams' UWF checks had bounced (see last week's MATWATCHING).

MY OWN VIEW: It's a shame when one cannot be supported when reporting the truth. But as I told both Ric and Mike Sawyer, ACI is not a journalistic enterprise, it is an entertainment company. Since ACI also handles a UWF 900 line, it has the right to control content on its programs. But it's a heckuva note when a guy gets suspended for the truth.

MONDAY IN MEMPHIS: Eddie Gilbert and Eric Embry faced off against Lawler and Jarrett for the USWA tag title. Eddie Marlin and Tommy Gilbert tried to revive the seniors' circuit one more time. And in a 6-man, U.S. Males/Bill Dundee took on Tony Anthony/Doug Gilbert/Brian Lee.

BAD PRECEDENT: As part of the angle where Jamie Dundee split with his father, he took a belt to Bill on the Feb. 9 WMC show. Saturday, Jamie told the young fans if you don't like what your parents tell you, "whup up on 'em." Thank goodness Dave Brown countered that one immediately. Too many impressionable youths watch the Memphis show and the last thing we need is someone advocating abuse of parents.

ANNUAL NOTICE

If you've ever dealt with the U.S. Postal Service, you can imagine the frustration. The annuals were mailed three weeks ago but I've had people living 10 miles apart where one has received the annual and one has not. Please be patient.

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RATINGS RAP

SUNDAY WWE EXPLODES

In an episode without its highest-priced stars, WCW MAIN EVENT coasted to its highest rating of 1991 last Sunday to capture the weekly Nielsen cable race.

WWE scored a 3.1 rating and 5.8 per cent share of audience, a jump of 14 per cent from the previous week and its first time over a 3 this year. WWE featured a Freebirds-DOOM confrontation.

MAIN EVENT was well ahead of WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING, which produced a 2.5 with its Horsemen vs. Armstrong/Horner/Iron Eagle. The rating was down 11% from Feb. 2.

USA's ALL-AMERICAN WRESTLING continued its tailspin, falling to a 2.2, an eight per cent drop, and WCW POWER HOUR dipped six per cent to a 1.5.

The German Shepherds vs. the Bloodhounds was the key matchup of USA's WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW, which scored a 3.1/4.8 for its Canine Rumble supplanting PRIME TIME WRESTLING.

CABLE

Week Ending Feb. 10	Rating	Share	Total Homes
WCW MAIN EVENT (TBS 2/10)	3.1	5.8	1.74 million
WCW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (TBS 2/9)	2.5	5.0	1.40 million
WWF ALL-AMERICAN (USA 2/10)	2.2	5.4	1.20 million
WCW POWER HOUR (TBS 2/9)	1.5	5.4	840,000

Paul E. Dangerously and Bob Caudle will co-host WCW next Saturday. Jim Ross and Dusty Rhodes will do cut-ins from Phoenix....One of America's greatest ring announcers ever, Jimmy Lennon, is seriously ill. His son says Jim would like to hear from fans. Please write him at 1115 Yale St., Santa Monica CA 90403....Talk from the WCW camp again is Owen Hart will be in next month. But he's in Mexico now and so many start dates have been announced for Owen, it's a

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believe-it-if-you-see-it situation....It's almost a certainty Sgt. Slaughter will go babyface either at the end of the WM7 main event or shortly after. If so, it will be the closest Titan will come to admitting it fouled up....PRO WRESTLING SPOTLIGHT's John Arezzi plans a bus caravan to Joel Goodhart's WINTER CHALLENGE II March 2 in Philly....Ticket sales for WRESTLE WAR as of Sunday were at 3,200 but expect the place to be heavily papered....Vicki Contavespi of FORBES Magazine, who did the recent Road Warriors profile, contemplating a book on pro wrestling....Konan is making a series of final appearances on Galavision's LUCHA LIBRE Sunday show, which will climax in mid-March. He'll make his WWF debut after WM7....THE LARRY KATZ SHOW featured an hour of "women only" callers from midnight to 1 a.m. on WCBM/Baltimore last Saturday....Expect a significant announcement to break either end of this week or by the middle of next....The WMC-TV show Saturday looked like one of Dusty's old house shows. Every match had either a screw job or a DQ finish....Something has to give on these USWA/ESPN shows. They look as if they're the leftovers of what doesn't go into syndication....Talk is surfacing that the WMC matches may be edited for the primary syndicated show because of the cost-cutting travel measures of going to Dallas. We'll try to get more on that next week.

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